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NOTE AND COMMENT

The subject of civil reform is bound to loom very large on the political horizon in this country before long. Referring to it, the Woodstock Sentinel Review, one of the best and staunchest of Ontario Liberal newspapers, makes the following significant utterance:

"It is time the politicians took this matter up seriously. It is no credit to Canada that she is the most backward of the great English-speaking countries in the matter of civil service reform. It is a work that naturally belongs to the Liberal party and it would be good policy, as well as good business, to take it up without further delay. The popular sentiment of the country is undergoing a change in regard to this and certain other matters."

The warning is one that should not be disregarded. Mr. Borden is undoubtedly sincere in his desire to bring about such a reform and if he could convince the country that he has his party at his back in the matter it would do a great deal towards bringing him into power.

Mr. Fabian Ware, the editor of the London Morning Post, who has just paid a visit to Canada, has been discussing Mr. Borden, to the solid integrity of whose character he pays tribute. He admits that the Conservative leader is handicapped by a lack of "the picturesque qualities of Sir Wilfrid Laurier." "But," he goes on, "picturesque figures belong to the infancy rather than the maturity of the British Empire. The era of the Macdonalds, the Rhodes, the Krugers, and the Seddons has passed forever. Cool reason and business aptitude will now best minister to state and Empire."

With all due deference to Mr. Ware, we must emphatically disagree with him. Cool reason and business aptitude are very necessary, but they must be associated with other characteristics to make a great political leader. The electorate of a state or an empire, either in its infancy or its old age, requires a man that can cheer for Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier could both rouse enthusiasm, but we cannot see how anyone who has followed politics in Canada even for a brief period can deny to either of them the possession of the most substantial attributes of statesmanship. Mr. Borden can never be a popular hero and what is more he is distinctly inferior to either Sir John or Sir Wilfrid in the qualities that Mr. Ware most admires.

The salient fact in Canadian development in recent years has been the growth of population in the West and the great task that lies before the parliamentarians at Ottawa is to aid in every possible way the movement which has been so well begun but which is still capable of marvellous expansion. It is the filling up of these plains that has brought the prosperity which we have enjoyed in the past decade and it is the part of true statesmanship to see to it that those who are doing this nation-building work, in the truest sense of the phrase, reap the fullest benefit from their efforts. All parties in the west recognize this and when eastern interests clamor for increased tariff protection, so that they may gain a larger advantage at the expense of the man who is toiling away on the prairie, they receive a united answer from this part of the Dominion.

Liberal conventions are demanding that any tariff revision that is made be in the direction of cutting down the duties. As for the Conservatives, the Calgary Herald may be taken to voice the opinion of the members of the party in this province, when it publishes the following in a recent issue:

"This portion of Canada is opposed to more protection, a fact of which

both political parties should take notice. The Western Provinces have paid, and are paying to-day, a high price to support Canadian industries. Each year the western market becomes more important to the eastern manufacturers; each year a heavier tribute is sent to Ontario to assist in up-building the manufacturing of the country. The present tariff is opposed to the selfish interests of Western Canada, which lie in the direction of lower duties, but it has been accepted as being necessary to the welfare of the Dominion as a whole. The tariff is not in politics at present. The party that dragged it from its cupboard and endeavored to fasten higher protection on the west for the benefit of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association would not secure a corporal's guard of supporters from this side of the great lakes."

Mr. Borden knows what Western sentiment is. He also knows what a strong low-tariff element there is in the East. Would it not have been an act of statesmanship as well as of good politics to have cut loose from the high protectionists? Instead of that, he throws himself into their arms. Can anyone believe that Sir John Macdonald would have followed Mr. Borden's course? The old Conservative leader is on record as stating that protection was indefensible on economic grounds in such a country as Canada and there is no doubt that in 1878 his party forced him to take up the protectionist cause purely for opportunistic reasons and against his soundest convictions. He yielded to the conditions of the moment. If he were alive to-day and saw what opinion is in the West and how the balance of power is rapidly coming this way, would he have missed the chance that Mr. Borden has?

In Red Deer, the Conservative candidate, Mr. Root, has been nominated as a low-tariff man. No one questions his sincerity. But how can the low-tariff cause be possibly aided by returning him as a supporter of Mr. Borden's, when his opponent, Dr. Clarke, is still more pronouncedly anti-protectionist in his views and is at the same time supporting the administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which while it has not remained true to the principles, in this connection, that were professed by the party in 1893, has still refused to surrender itself to the Manufacturers' Association and their demands.

Hon. Frank Oliver was unanimously re-nominated by the Liberals of Edmonton on Tuesday night, completing the party's nominations in the province. While there is every reason to believe that the Minister of the Interior will have little difficulty in securing re-election, the large influx of population

since 1904 adds an element of uncertainty. The Conservative convention will not be held till some time during the winter. It is understood that Dr. McInnes' successful run for the city council board was but a preliminary canter, prior to a test of speed with Hon. Frank, when the Dominion handicap comes along.

The Alberta Legislature has been summoned to meet on Jan. 6th. The programme has not been outlined but it is well-known that there is plenty of constructive work still to be attended to that had to be left over from the other sessions. There have been no changes in three personnel of the House since last meeting, and none are in immediate prospect, except possibly in Lethbridge, where Mr. Simmons was recently nominated for the Commons. It is not likely, however, that this will affect his tenure of his seat in the Legislature just at present.

That the Dominion elections will be brought on before the provincial is generally taken for granted, though the term of each House expires about the same time, the last Federal contest taking place in Nov. 1904, and the provincial almost exactly a year later. The tendency, however, is to allow the local legislatures to run their full term, while the House of Commons has only very occasionally done so. The report of the beef commission will be issued next week and it is reasonably certain that its contents will afford one of the most important matters of discussion at the coming session.

Mr. J. A. McDougall was elected Mayor of Edmonton by a majority which exceeded the strongest hopes of his warmest friends. A week before polling day, it was very doubtful who would win, Aid, Picard had at his back a body of effective workers, personally he was a most popular citizen and there was a feeling that recognition was due him for his long and faithful services at the council. But towards the close of the contest there was a very noticeable wave in Mr. McDougall's favor. At the public meetings he made a most excellent impression. The affairs of the city he discussed with clearness and confidence and showed such a grasp of the various problems that have to be faced that the average elector, whose mind was not already made up, came to the conclusion that this was the kind of man to give the municipality a business-like administration. The attacks upon him he answered with dignity and effectiveness. In him, The Saturday News is more than ever convinced, Edmonton will have a chief magistrate who will do the city credit on all occasions and I render it the more so.

ALBERTAN MAYORS



Mr. H. H. GAETZ
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Mr. J. A. McDUGALL
EDMONTON
Who won out by the record-breaking majority of 780.



Mr. A. L. CAMERON
CALGARY
Who defeated Ald. S. J. Clarke by 465



Mr. N. D. MILLS
STRATHCONA
Re-elected over ex-Mayor Davies by 150

IN THE DAYS OF THE REBELLION

The Reminiscences of Mr. E. N. Barker.

(Continued)

Mr. McDougall will have the advantage of a first-class board of aldermen. Three of the candidates selected by The Saturday News, Messrs. Manson, Lee and Bellamy, were elected, while the other two, whom this paper recommended to the electors, were immediately behind the winners. Last year the mayoralty candidate supported by this paper was also elected and the two aldermanic candidates whom it recommended were second and third from the top of the poll.—Verbum sap.

Mr. Armstrong was the only member of the East end ticket elected. Such a result, we hold, is extremely fortunate. The promoters of the ticket claim that the movement was not a sectional one but was designed to advance the interests of the whole city. Why, then, was it put forth in the name of the East end? It was surely too much to expect the elector, who was opposed to the introduction of sectionalism, to vote for a ticket, which conveyed that idea and no other in its title. If this movement had succeeded, as it did a year ago, there would have been no alternative but to adopt the ward system, and that is something which we want to avoid, for reasons that have already been set forth on this page on several occasions.

A bye-election will take place shortly to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Aid. Walker. If Aid. Picard could be induced to stand, it is certain that there would be no opposition to him. In case he should not, the choice would doubtless fall on one of those who ran close to the winners on Monday. One of the features of the campaign was the excellent showing made by Col. Edwards, who, for a man who has been a resident in the city for only a trifle over a year, polled a remarkable vote.

The Calgary Herald cannot get away from a subject that is dear to its heart. "The vote cast in yesterday's election in Edmonton and Calgary," it says, "are fair indications of the respective populations of the two cities. In each case the election was keenly fought, and it is reasonable to suppose that a representative vote was polled. In Calgary the votes cast for mayor numbered 1,900. In Edmonton they were slightly over 1,200. This confirms what has already been established by other statistics, viz., that Calgary is at least a third larger than Edmonton."

No one could possibly take objection to this deduction, if it were not for the fact that the votes cast in Edmonton on Monday were 1654 instead of "slightly over 1200."

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a private matter. Do not useless squabbles that can easily be avoided have a great tendency to arrest genuine development? Too much talking on personal matters in early days was discouraged, a hint enough.

EFFECT OF THE REBELLION

A difference of opinion may, however, lead to happy results, and whatever others may have to say, there is not much doubt but that the rebellion of 1885 started us off and put much new life into Alberta, before the trouble started, work was scarce, the small rancher or settler at a discount, and many a man was looking about him for something to do with even a quarter in sight, for only the purchaser could find employment, and all the land was annexed or wanted by big companies for grazing land.

Volunteers going to the front made hands scarce at home so that wages for ordinary hands went up to \$70 to \$75 per month with board. Those that went to the front made good money in many cases and those that returned early reaped a harvest at good pay putting up hay. The money thrown into the country was a godsend to quite a few, so started many a small settler who might otherwise never have been heard of. Had it not been for these better times many would have left the country for ever. This country was seen by those who otherwise might not have invested in it, viz., the troops from the East, and possibly only a newspaper man knows the comparative value of the advertising the country obtained.

STOOD THE TEST

There was not a pleasant situation here for a long time among a lot of restless Indians, and sleeping at night in a bed with a Winchester and several belts of ammunition around the middle, ready for trouble, had its inconveniences. But virtue had its reward in better business later, and it was not apparent that many suffered much mental anguish. The only idea that seemed to permeate the average white man of all nations was that if he had to he had to fight. Though many could have sought safety in a few hours' ride to the U.S.A. and many were natives of the south country, yet we never heard of anyone suggesting this and all those who could get away seemed to hanker after going North to where the trouble was. These men were a mixed medley of all sorts, somewhat on the model of the French Foreign legion that may have within its ranks everything in the shape of foreign trades or professions, and is said to have held in its ranks sons of kings, former bishops, etc., etc., and men of all nations the personal histories of whom would fill many books. Americans and English who seemed to get along very well together had a great deal to do with the early development of Southern Alberta. In our troops recruited at McLeod, we had Lords and Commons, soldiers and policemen, cow-punchers, bull whackers, mule shiners, trappers, the inevitable collection of parson's sons, usually to be found where trouble is brewing and something stirring, lawyers, doctors, farmers, storekeepers, Indian agents, squaw men and philosophers, etc., etc.

What many of us love is results, especially in the West, so we thoroughly appreciate the sweet simplicity and the truth to nature of that old chestnut which relates of the Englishman dashing up to a crowd in the street, thrusting his chin into the mole and exclaiming, "Oo's a fightin'." "Me and you, you beggar" says his next neighbor in the crowd, and whom he had never seen before, as he hits him a bluff under the chin, and at it they go.

Still others will remember the story of the deck-hand looking down into the engine room of a steamer, and seeing a fight in progress, whistles to his pal, exclaiming with great glee and satisfaction, "Hey, Charlie, come on, 'ere's a chance for a bloomin' row." And do not let us forget the old lady of the Emerald Isle who gently soliloquized

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QUALIFICATIONS OF A RANCHER

A man to be a good rancher in early days needed to have a good opinion of himself (most had), and be a good axman, a fair carpenter, a pretty good blacksmith, a good cook, seamstress or tailor, dairymaid, gardener, a bit of a farmer when required, harness maker and mender, miner, saddler, horse-breaker, roper, and driver. He should have been a fair vet., a decent doctor and hospital nurse, a judge of horses, whisky and cows. The man at least needed to be fair y vigorous, with a good digestion and a strong stomach, the possessor of no nerves and with a knack of getting out of trouble as well as in.

The Western man seldom quarrels with his neighbor about the latter's religious tendencies, allowing that each and all have a right to their own opinions upon what is purely



The Limerick craze shows no sign of letting up. A man, who ought to make his fortune in one of the prize contests, after a cold night in an Edmonton boarding house sprang the following:

Sometimes there are nights when the blanket goes crooked however you yank it. Till you're forced to exclaim, "Oh, bother and blame, 'This blanket, blankety, blanket."

An American, who is accustomed to a more or less liberal display of fireworks after an election was surprised last Monday night after the announcement of Mr. McDougall's election to the mayoralty to hear the band play "The Old Oaken Bucket." He was undecided as to whether it was a dignified Canadian way of rejoicing or a lament over the defeat of Mr. Picard. He says it reminded him of an incident of an opposite character which he once observed in the United States. It was at a country funeral and the audience was passing around viewing the remains when the choir began to sing "Joyfully, joyfully, onward we move."

A three cent rate has lately been established on the railways running out of Edmonton, having been out by our farmers in this vicinity answering the description of the subject of this story. I would say that the incident took place in Alberta. "The venerable farmer with the tobacco-stained whiskers and furrowed brow climbed aboard the limited and snatched into the smoker. "Mister," he drawled, when the conductor halted before him, "is that that two-cent-a-mile rate good on this train?" "It is," replied the conductor brusquely. "Where is your ticket?" The old man fumbled in the depths of an ancient shot bag. "Ain't got no ticket, mister," he said, slowly, "but here be the two cents. I never rode on one of these pesky flyers, and I just want to feel the sensation. Put me off after I've rode one mile."

There's an extraordinary amount of worldly wisdom in these lines: Beware the man where'er you go. Who frankly says he doesn't know. More dangerous he to great and small. Than one who thinks he knows it all. Upon the turf you'll hear him say "I'd bet if I but knew the way. But as the race goes on you see. He'll pick two winners out of three. In business deals he'll still move slow. There'll be no bluster, fuss or show; But when the 'know it all' goes down. The 'don't know' man will own the town. And at the game, when others smile Upon his innocence the while. He'll take the winnings just the same. Although he 'doesn't know the game'."

The editor of the Raymond Rustler, Mr. D. H. Elton, has the following interesting paragraph in a recent issue:

"There are three great 'P's' in this world: The Press, the Pulpit and the Petticoat. The first spreads knowledge, the second spreads morals and the third spreads—Considerably. Now we have thought it best for the financial end of this business to introduce the last, knowing the kindness and generosity of men in their dealings with the gentler sex. Mrs. D. H. Elton expects to spend the latter part of next week in Raymond in an industrious search for subscribers to the Raymond Rustler."

There was a barber in a town down East, who, having been out late the night before, had a shaky hand and cut a customer's cheek four times. After each accident the barber said, as he sponged away the blood: "Oh, dear me, how careless!" and laughed and let it go at that. The patron took all those gashes in grave silence. But when the shave was over he filled a glass at the water-cooler, took a mouthful of water, and with compressed lips proceeded to shake his head from side to side and toss it up and down.

"What is the matter?" the barber asked. "You ain't got the tooth-ache, have you?" "No," said the customer; "I only wanted to see if my mouth would still hold water without leaking, that was all."

The fellow who marries in haste usually doesn't have any leisure.—December Smart Set.

The young man drained his glass of sparkling Moselle. His gaze met that of the maiden across the table. "Miss Belinda," he began, with a little flourish, "I rise to propose. But that was as far as he got. The blushing Belinda hastily interrupted him. "I am yours, dear George," she ecstatically murmured.

Girl with the Gibson Neck: "The airs that odious Mrs. Nookum gives herself! Have you noticed the absurd fuss she makes over the sore-eyed poodle dog?" Girl with the Julia Marlow Dimple: "Yes, but that isn't the worst of it. She spells his name 'Phy-dean'."

Edwin Markham, at a dinner, said of mixed metaphors: "When I was teaching in Los Angeles I used to read every week a little country paper whose editor's metaphors were an unfailing joy to me. Once I remember, this editor wrote of a contemporary: 'Thus, the black lie, issuing from his base throat, becomes a boomerang in his hand, and, hoisting him by his own neck, leaves him a marked man for life.' He said in an article on home life: 'The faithful watchdog or his good wife, standing at the door, welcomes the master home with an honest bark.' In an obituary of a farmer he wrote: 'The race was run at last. Like a tired steed, he crossed the harrow bar, and, casting aside whip and spur, lay down upon that bourne from which no traveler returns.'"

A woman on the train entering Wetaskiwin asked the conductor how long the cars stopped at that town.

He replied: "Madam, we stop just four minutes, from two to two and two."

The woman turned to her companion and said: "I wonder if he means he's the whistle on the engine."

"He's a distant relative of yours by marriage, isn't he?" "Well, yes. He eloped with my wife, and he hasn't spoken to me since."

"Yes, Brown is always getting the cart before the horse." "My dear boy, don't be archaic; nowadays we say getting the smell before the automobile." Life.

That interesting English periodical, Chums, tells of two old friends returning from a football match.

"I had an experience last year," one said, "which I think surpasses anything we have just heard. I had a puncture, and was delayed getting in from my run, and thought I would cut across country, and get to my home by crossing a railway bridge. It was a nasty bit of road, but it saved four miles, so I took the chance. Well, I reached the railway and had just reached the centre of the bridge when an express dashed round the curve."

"All I had to do was to step over to the other line, and I was safe; but at that very instant, as the express passed, upon me from the front, another train charged down from the rear. I could not go back. I could not go forward; the bridge was seventy feet high, and I couldn't jump; there was no space at either side to squeeze into. I reckoned it would take about half a minute for the two trains to meet, and that meant instant horrible death to me. I could feel the hot breath of those monsters on my face; their roaring filled my ears. There was no escape. No human power could save me. Yet here I am, without a scratch."

"Well, what did you do?" asked a youth, wearily anxious to have it over. "I woke up," replied the other, preparing to defend himself against the inevitable rush.

THE WONDER OF THE WEST. The following lines were found written in Guest Book of Lake Louise Chalet, at Laggenau in the Rocky Mountains.

"Oh, travellers who journey here, How can you be so blind? You sing Louise's waters clear, With snowy peaks behind. Lake Agnes and Lake Mirror high, Yet over them like a star Takes towers up into the sky The Mighty C.P.R."

It stretches from the Great Divide North, south and east and west, Along the mountain's wooded side, The lake, the chalet and the tree, The carriage and the car, All bear the magic word you see, The Famous C.P.R.

The rabbit squeaked upon the hill, The eagle flaps her wings, The marmot whistles by the rill, The spotted throats sing; The watchdog barks, the pony neighs. In his vernacular, Each in its language taught to praise The Glorious C.P.R.

Then come from north and come from south, And come from east and west, Let words of praise be in your mouth

And shekels in your vest, Blessed the traveller who spends, And flings his dollars far, They go to swell the dividends And boom the C.P.R.

L'ENVOI. The annotated quatrain I've read, The folders I have seen, And every advertisement spread In every magazine; And now that I the road can trace Through Heaven's gate ajar I'm going to the other place, Where there's no C.P.R.

Seven Millions of People

Can Find Homes in Edmonton's Peace River Hinterland. According to a Journalist Who Has Just Visited the Country.

A member of the editorial staff of the Youth's Companion visited the Peace River country last summer and is now telling the readers of that journal what he saw there. Here is part of his last article: "How do you ever sleep up here?" I said to my pioneer relatives on that first night of my arrival at their new wheat farm on the Peace River. "When do you get time to sleep? Here it is half past nine in the evening, and the sun is just setting in the northwest. Your twilight lasts till midnight, and long before three in the morning the sun is up again in the northwest. How can you sleep?"

They laughed. "Oh, we pull down the curtains and go to bed. You will soon catch the knack of it. Besides, unless we need so very much sleep here in the summer time. We wait till winter and make up our back sleep then."

"Nonsense! as that sounds, there really appears to be something in it. Flowers and crops grow and birds sing twenty two hours in the day. Wheat and potatoes mature in eighty days from planting; and even human beings form a habit of working eighteen hours a day. But sleep I could not that first night there, although my kindfolk had set me an example by going to bed at half past ten and pretending it was night. The whole North-West was in a soft glow of light, under which their great fifty-acre wheat field looked as blue as a lake. On the nearer flats grew potatoes and several acres of cabages and turnips. In fact, everything grows luxuriantly here, and by July is farther advanced than in Maine or Massachusetts, nine hundred miles farther south."

Such is summer in the great new Peace River country, this latest, last West, away up on the head waters of the mighty Mackenzie, whether the time of our immigration is now setting, and where so many Americans from Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and the Dakotas are now seeking homesteads. It is the last of the great empty lands of the continent, which our westward-moving race pushes on to fill.

Hitherto this vast northland has been deemed a bleak desert, too barren for human habitation. But now, suddenly, it is found to be one of the garden spots of the earth, and already the rush to it has begun. Seven millions of people, it is believed, can find homes in the valley of the Peace River alone.

The Battle River crossing of the Grand Trunk Pacific is one of the great feats of railroad construction, not so much because of engineering problems, but because of the immense amount of work and costly materials required to maintain the grade, which, as is well known, must not exceed four-tenths of one per cent. The bridge proper is 2700 feet long and the steel trestle approaches are 2000 feet long. The concrete abutments of the bridge will be 30 feet high and the steel to the rail level 150 feet. The west end approaches up Gratton colley is five miles to the level of the country. In all the bridge and its approaches cover eight miles, and involve the removal of 800,000 yards of earth. For a distance of 45 miles the line east of Tofield is absolutely straight and almost perfectly level. Deputy Sheriff J. J. Gault of Red Deer has resigned, his other interests making the step necessary.

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Music and the Drama

After the experience of the past week this department of The Saturday News is beginning to feel that it really has an excuse for existence. Up to the present it has been a case "off again, on again." Very occasionally, there has been something in the musical and dramatic line offered to the interested public that the editor has felt to be worthy of serious notice. But as a rule, the critic, who takes his duties in earnest, feels that the best thing he can do is to remain silent. Each evening of the week there has, in the parlance of the street, been "something doing" that one could take the most genuine pleasure out of and the rest of the month promises to keep up the record.

THE SUNDAY NIGHT CONCERT.

On Sunday evening under Mr. Sidney W. Morris' direction, the first of a series of sacred concerts was given after a long interval at the Orpheum Theatre. Quite as many were turned away from the doors as gained admission and it is the intention to secure a large audience on future occasions. The Mendelssohn quartette, assisted in one number by Miss Hope and Miss Heatherington, both of whom later rendered solos themselves, confirmed the excellent impression they have made on previous occasions. Mr. Morris' baritone solo, his duet with Miss Hope, Mr. Hendra's and Mr. Phillips' numbers, on the viola and piano respectively, all were warmly appreciated.

ALL SAINTS CHORUS CONCERT.

The most ambitious and the most genuinely enjoyable concert that has been attempted in Edmonton in a long while was that given by the choir of All Saints' Church in the Separate School theatre on Tuesday evening. The choruses were given with spirit and precision and did the choirmaster, Mr. Vernon Barford, the utmost credit, utmost supporting for his piano solo, Mr. Barford was given a most enthusiastic reception. Among the soloists of the evening were those who ranked as musical discoveries to the majority of the audience. Miss Cecilia Hope's rendition of "Rose Adair" will not soon be forgotten by anyone who heard it. Miss Hope is a sweet singer of rare promise, who in years to come should thrill many larger audiences than that which assembled on Tuesday night. Miss Pinckston, whose number was "Doris," has a voice of unusual sweetness and with the advantage of a singularly fine accompaniment, provided by Mr. Cameron, violin, Dr. Cobbett, viola, and Mr. Barford, at the piano, scored a veritable triumph. Miss K. Cameron was also most warmly applauded for her delightful rendition of a beautiful chorale of child-sons, "The Land of Nod." A new name on an Edmonton programme was that of Mr. G. H. Turner, whose solo, "The Little Galway Cloak" was a genuine treat. He has

a splendidly modulated tenor voice and sang with great feeling. Mr. T. Griffith's fine big bass was heard to excellent advantage in "The Sentinel" and "The Storm Wind." Mr. R. W. Day's singing of Fabian Rose's "My Beloved Queen" set all of his many old friends in the audience wondering why, with his long residence in our midst, he has been heard so seldom.

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The management of the Edmonton Opera House announced that a new era was to be inaugurated at that theatre and they have made good. The house itself has been much improved, the sloping floor allowing a larger audience to view a performance with comfort, while the addition to the stage at the back makes it possible for first class companies to play there. And this week and next the boards are being held by an organization which undoubtedly answers that description, the Fanning-Howard Company. It made its debut on Friday and Saturday evenings with excellent performances of "The Virginian."

On Monday and Tuesday night "Capital and Labor" was given. This is the unattractive title of a most attractive play. It used to be called "The Lost Paradise" and William Morris and Miss Frances



MR. M. D. SILAS, who will play one of the principal roles in the local production of "All the Comforts of Home" at the Edmonton Opera House on Mon. and Tues. nights, the 30th and 31st of December.

Gaunt some twelve or fifteen years ago made it one of their chief successes. Why the title should have been changed is a mystery. Miss Wanda Howard, the leading lady, who took the part of Margaret Knowlton, is an emotional actress of no little ability, and in some of the strike scenes particularly rose to a real height. About the work of Mr. Cleveland, as the superintendent, there was a genuineness and absence of rant, which did the heart good after an extended experience with barnstormers. The

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The Week in Calgary

As Reviewed by the Correspondent of the Saturday News

The Result of the Mayoralty—Religious Instruction in Schools—Need for Canadian Club Luncheons in the Evening.

The year 1908 in Calgary is calling for a strong and efficient council. It is matter for congratulation that the electors have seen the need and have elected worthy men. There are gigantic undertakings already under way, and other problems confront the city which will demand operations just as large and as costly. Calgary, in spite of the herculean efforts of the council of 1907, is behind its needs in waterworks, sewer systems, park policy, paving, side walks, and street railway. This too, is the year of the Dominion fair, and there will occur therein a golden opportunity for the advertisement of Calgary and of Alberta which will not happen again. Calgary has done well in selecting A. L. Cameron as its official head for such a year. He is a safe, though progressive man, and though other men might represent Calgary more gracefully on public occasions, Mr. Cameron will on the city credit at such times. And people shudder yet as they think of his opponent in this week's election welcoming the Governor-General, et al., at the opening of the Dominion fair. There is likewise a good, safe and experienced council. The only member who has not had previous municipal experience in Calgary, Mr. A. M. Merrill, has had it elsewhere, and he bids fair to be one of the most prominent and able figures at the council board during the coming year. But, as Tom Brad's father said, their troubles are before them, like those of young bears, and we won't boast unduly of men who are just putting on the armor, but will be taking it off, as they were the battles of 1908 fought and won. The

eyes of Alberta are on these gentlemen—let them go to it.

Indisputable evidence of Calgary's growth is furnished by the comparative report of the superintendent of education, Dr. Scott, for the months of November from 1904 to 1907. The figures of the local school board of officials surely don't lie. This report shows that the attendance in 1904 was 900; in 1907 it is 1822. This year's attendance is over 400 in excess of last year; last year's was nearly 400 in excess of 1905.

The responsibilities of the school board, in view of these figures, are great and immediate. The increase of students is not temporary, nor will it lessen, so far as the immigration into Alberta next year can be forecasted by a close observance of the signs of the times, it will be greater than ever. To care for from 400 to 500 new pupils, per year, makes necessary additional accommodation to the extent of an eight to ten room school per year.

There must be no shirking of this responsibility. We can do without pavements and a street railway with less injury to the city than will occur by cramming the educational equipment. Let not the words of Mr. McDiarmid of Brandon College at a recent luncheon of the Canadian Club be forgotten. "We must Canadianize our foreign immigration or it will foreignize us." The most effective and the most economical way of Canadianizing this incoming stream of foreigners is through the schools. The efforts of the school board are an unparalleled force for the

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growth of a common language and the inculcation of national ideals.

Speaking of schools and their work, that address of Dr. Scott at Red Deer on Biblical instruction in public schools is unworthy of serious attention. Dr. Scott has for some time been an advocate of the opinion that the public schools should undertake instruction in Bible history at least, and that they might also undertake the teaching of Biblical literature. With this view a great many of the people of the west agree; though they are probably considerably in the minority.

The advocates of this addition to the public curriculum either overlook or give insufficient attention to three objections: First there is a world-wide organization at present existing for the sole purpose of giving this instruction; second, teachers generally are either opposed to this work or unfitted for it; and third, there is a decided and widespread aversion to anything savoring of even the appearance of compulsory religious education which will be fatal to any measures taken towards that end.

The first objection is sufficient (for that matter, any one of the three is). No one wishes, surely, to take away the prerogative of the Sunday school. The latter may have been inefficient in many cases, but that is the fault of those in charge and not of the organization itself. It is quite possible to have Sunday Schools so organized, as to methods of teaching, and examinations, that it need not be complained that its pupils exhibit ignorance of the Bible. There are few who will be so bold as to offer battle to the second objection noted. If a vote of the teachers of, say, Alberta, were taken, it is safe to say that 85 per cent would declare their opposition. And if a symposium were asked for, they would make that opposition pretty forceful.

Fifty per cent of public school teachers, splendidly efficient in other respects, are unfitted, either by temperament or training, for a sympathetic interpretation of Biblical literature.

The third objection is not the least. There has for centuries been a protest against religious education being controlled by the state. It has been successful. The temper of the Protestants has not changed, nor will it nor should it. The argument might as well end right on this point. Why anybody should fail to (Continued on page 4)

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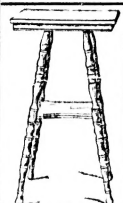
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PERSONALIA

Canadians, a nation of humorists, expect even a Bishop to have some sense of humor, says Canada. The most popular of Canadian bishops is the late Bishop Maclean, of Saskatchewan, who was nicknamed "Jack Catech-all-he-can" in England because of his great success in raising funds for missionary work—certainly owed much of his popularity in the West to his power of appreciating a joke. He often repeated the remark of an old-timer at "The Mission" now generally known as Prince Albert to the effect that "this workin' between meals ain't what 'is cracked up to be," and his memory was stored with other scraps of homely away-back humor. He was altogether free from "frills," though, when it was necessary, no ecclesiastical dignity was better able to exact the deference due to his position. It was most amusing to watch the Bishop's behaviour on a journey in a backboard—he had a partiality for that useful old-fashioned conveyance—across the prairies. For a quarter of an hour he would keep the air and attitude of "Your Lordship," a courtesy title to which only those who sit in the House of Lords as Spiritual Peers have an unquestioned right. Then he would drop all unnecessary ceremony, and begin to laugh and jest with his driver, who, of course, knew better than to be betrayed into any sort of ill-mannered familiarity. On one occasion, according to the late Dr. Blain, of Prince Albert, Bishop Maclean actually swore aloud. The tidings of the fight at Duck Lake in the Red Rebellion of 1885 had been brought to Prince Albert, and Dr. Blain went to the Bishop's house and told him the bad news. It was night time, and the Bishop came down to the nightshirt; he was shivering, and he uttered the British monosyllabic expletive. In the morning he went out of his way to tell Dr. Blain that he was not frightened but cold which made him shiver. But he did not apologise for his slip of the tongue.

Mr. R. W. Wilson, who is representing a syndicate of London papers, visited Edmonton during the week. Mr. Wilson in the course of an interview noted the yearly increasing interest in England in Canadian affairs, of which his present mission was an evidence. He also made the significant remark that with the opening up of the new country to the west and northwest of the city, Edmonton was to become what Winnipeg had been for the past ten years, the centre of a great pioneering movement.

Mr. Edward Farrer, a "king pin" among Canadian journalists, spent several days in Calgary on his way to the coast. Advancing years have not affected his powers as a writer to the slightest extent and he is understood to be doing a great deal of confidential work, which, while it does not bring him so much into public notice, undoubtedly yields very much handsomer financial returns than that of penning stirring leaders for morning newspapers. Mr. Farrer's connection with the annexation project, and the way in which his position on the Globe was used by the opponents of the Liberal party to prejudice it with the electorate in the early nineties is now a matter of Canadian history.

Mr. B. B. Gumm, M.P. for South Huron, whose death is reported from Ottawa, was a visitor to Edmonton last summer and was one of the speakers at the Clover Bar picnic of the Alberta Farmers' Association.

Premier Scott of Saskatchewan, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Scott sailed on Dec. 11 for Naples on the White Star steamer Cedre from New York. They will spend the winter months in the Mediterranean, for although Mr. Scott is far from being the sick man that he was a year ago, his medical advisers have told him it will be the part of wisdom for him to use the next few months where he will not

be subject to the rigors of a winter climate.

Commissioner A. B. Perry of the Mounted Police was in Edmonton at the end of last and the first of this week on a trip of inspection.

The Natural History Association, under the energetic presidency of Dr. George of Red Deer, is each year becoming a more useful and comprehensive body. The following officers were recently chosen: Honorary president, Hon. W. Finlay; honorary vice president, Geo. Harcourt; president, Dr. George, Red Deer; vice presidents, N. B. Sanson, Banff; Archibald Mitchell, Edmonton; secretary treasurer, Mrs. P. H. Tallman, Red Deer; Executive committee, F. H. Woolley, Dod, Millerville, Alta.; E. Carr, Edmonton; F. Depe, Calgary; Jas. Jensen, Innisfail; R. E. Pike, Hillsdown, Innisfail; branches, Wm. Geary, Innisfail; Capt. J. W. Keast, Red Deer.

Louis E. Foyline, Dominion Land Surveyor of Irwin, Quebec, passed through Edmonton on his return from making a complete survey of the Milk River in Southern Alberta. P. A. Belanger, inspector of Dominion Land Surveys, who has been on a tour of inspection through the Pembina and Paddle river country, has returned to Ottawa.

Mr. H. R. Elliot, the well known Toronto hotelman, was in Edmonton last week on a prospecting trip.

Mr. A. J. Urquhart, the Crossfield merchant, who died last week, was a veteran of the American civil war. Four years ago he crossed the line to Calgary, removing to Crossfield a little later.

On leaving the land and titles office in Calgary as registrar to accept the district court judgeship at Lethbridge, W. Roland Winter was given a handsome gold-headed cane by the members of the staff.

The Week in Calgary.

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see the rocks jutting up in the way of it, proposal passes comprehension. Even if those opposed to Biblical instruction were a minority of the people the past has shown such to be a very troublesome minority. But the opposition is probably not a minority. The advocates of religious instruction in the schools, even if their theory were sound, can not carry it into effect by present legislation—the opposition would wreck it into unnumbered fragments. If they depend on an educative campaign to carry the day for them, they have more than a life job before them.

The Canadian Club should seriously consider the suggestion which has been made that they should hold some at least of their luncheons in the evening instead of at the noon hour. The latter makes it impossible for some of the members to attend, and hinders others from joining the club who would do so were it ever possible for them to attend the meetings. On already the noon hour luncheons have been so hurried as to render them a disappointment—even a failure. There is no doubt that Dr. McDiarmid would have delivered a memorable address at the recent luncheon had he had the time. If occasionally at least the meetings were at six o'clock, say, a couple of hours could be given without interfering with the host of other evening's meetings, some of which everybody has to attend. There would be time for the club's business, and plenty of time for the delivery of an effective address. It is a shame that a man with a message should be obliged to stop at the end of twelve or fifteen minutes.

Past Grand Master Mayor Mills of Strathcona instituted an Orange Lodge at Leduc last week.

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Note and Comment

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Mr. John A. person M.P.P. was defeated for the Innisfail majority by Mr. George Geary by 68 to 50. This is the second member of the legislature to seek municipal honors during the year, the leader of the Opposition having recently been a candidate for councillor at Nanton. Mr. Robertson was elected, though at the foot of the poll.

Hon. Frank Oliver wrote the Edmonton Council this week intimating that the Dominion Government could not make a grant towards providing traffic accommodation on the high level bridge. This has led some people to think that the project would have to be abandoned, as Dominion aid was being counted upon. But the letter really gives no information that was not already in the possession of the public. When the matter was first brought up, it was pointed out that the only way in which aid could be obtained from the Dominion, was by co-operating with the C.P.R. The Federal Government could not extend aid to a general traffic bridge but it could help the railway and in this way the object in view could be effected. The significant part of the Minister's letter is therefore the last sentence, which reads: "It may be possible that some assistance may be given to the railway company that would stand in the place of direct assistance to traffic facilities on the bridge."

In the Days of the Rebellion.

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that a half brick in the end of a stocking was a "shwate wippon." Even a hailstorm may have its uses, it is inconvenient for the wheat grower but clears the air and you can sleep.

Yes, the rebellion, viz., a difference of opinion, did quite a little for Alberta and varied the monotony of life for a time. Nothing is so distressing as the common-place when it's continuous.

About Town.

The new Knex Church in Strathcona will be opened on Sunday, when Rev. Dr. Duval of Winnipeg will preach.

A letter bearing the postmark of Dec. 4th has been received by the Commissioners from Ald. Walker, tendering his resignation as a councillor.

Two hundred men employed at the Clover Bar bridge have gone on strike because of a reduction from 25 to 20 cents an hour in their wages, ordered by the G.T.P. authorities.

The result of the municipal election in Edmonton, as declared by Returning Officer Harbottle, was: For Mayoralty—J. A. McDougall, 1217; J. H. Picard, 437—majority for McDougall, 780. For Aldermen—Ald. Manson, 783; G. S. Armstrong, 774; Ex Ald. Bellamy, 736; Robert Lee, 626; Dr. McInnis, 674; D. R. Fraser, 614; Col. Edwards, 563; W. H. Clegg, 425; J. Galbraith, 399; J. Calhoun, 378; Dr. Lang, 372; C. Gallagher, 302; W. S. Weeks, 182. For public school trustees: Alex. E. May, 407; Alex. Taylor, 389; Alex. Butchart, 351.

The election in Strathcona results in the choice of the following council: Mayor, N. D. Mills. Aldermen, W. H. Sheppard, O. Bush, George H. Elliot, A. G. Baillie, J. G. Tipton, S. H. Somers, W. F. Cameron, and V. T. Richards. The public school board will be as follows: O. Bush, R. B. Douglas, Robt. Ritchie, John Shields, A. McLean. The members of the separate school board are: Howard Corrigan, T. E. McLean, J. A. Connelly, W. H. Bedard, and A. P. Loughlin.

At the Liberal Convention on Tuesday night the Edmonton district Liberal Association was organized for the first time. The officers are: Honorary president, Sir. Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Frank Oliver; Honorary vice presidents, Hon. A. C. Rutherford and Hon. C. W. Cross; president, P. E. Lessard; vice presidents, J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., John McPherson, M.P.P.; secretary treasurer, J. A. MacKinnon.

Mr. Balfour, who made a proposition to Edmonton regarding the street railway franchise, has intimated that he will be in Edmonton early in the spring and would like the matter left in abeyance till then.

The second annual convention of the provincial association of school trustees will be held in Calgary on Jan. 22 and 23. It is expected that a large number will attend as every school board has the right to send one delegate. At last year's convention in Edmonton there were about 200 present. Dr. A. Melville Scott is secretary of the association.

Rev. Father Emard will conduct the dedicatory services of the new Convent at Vegreville on Saturday of this week.

W. W. Alton has been made sub-agent of Dominion Lands at Leduc, the vacancy being caused by the removal of O. J. Mackay.

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Twenty-five Years Ago From Winnipeg to Edmonton—The Diary of Mr. St. George Jellett

(Continued from last week.)

July 3: Up 5.45, left 7 a.m. This morning's drive was the finest I've had in the north west. I in the saddle and the others in the wagon we drove through many beautiful avenues of black poplar, wild roses and other flowers growing thickly on each side of the road. Poplar is the only wood in the north west with the exception of little spruce and pine on the banks of some of the rivers, and small birch. Stopped 11.15 for dinner still being in the Eagle Hills. We can see Battleford in the distance, will be there this afternoon. Reached Battleford 6 p.m. and left the last of the Eagle Hills behind. Battleford is a village of about 200 poplar, the Registry and Government buildings. Is prettily situated half a mile above the junction of the Battle and the Saskatchewan rivers. On the Battle we are camped within quarter of mile of police barracks, 40 men being stationed here at present. Will probably be here two or three days.

BATTLEFORD

July 4: Up 9.30, had breakfast 10.15, baked bread all morning and in the afternoon took a walk round a village. Found that there are 650 Indians brought from the North to be taught farming. Found it very interesting walking among their tents. The Big Wigs of village are the Governor of N.W.T., Judge Richardson, Capt. Scott, Col. Herehermer, Dr. Miller, Capt. Antrobus, and H. Richardson, post master.

July 5: Up 7, had breakfast 8.30. Saw Mounted Police turn out 25 strong for a twenty mile march into the country and come back tomorrow. Every Wednesday the whole force in the N.W. must turn out—the force here is a good one, splendid horses and fine men, baked all afternoon and after went to see steamer bound for Winnipeg. Will start for Edmonton tomorrow 230 miles.

July 6: Up early and ready to start, but coming on to rain did not start until after dinner. Started from Battleford with over a ton on wagon, made 12 miles and camped for night beside a very pretty lake. Lakes are not met with now so often as in first part of journey.

July 7: Rained hard all last night, but coming on to rain did not start until after 8 a.m. After a hard pull over very wet roads camped for dinner 12.15 left 2.15, camped for night 3.30 on account of thunderstorm. Boog out side his foot badly through bog and stuck. I found it hard to get him up for him, am afraid he will not be able to walk much for some time, 10 miles.

July 8: Rained hard last night, came on to rain half way through with my baking, every few moments had to run from tent to see how bread was getting on. Up this morning 7.30 but being very wet and still raining did not start until 1.15 and regretted having started at all as roads were fearful, small rivers running down the trail, were caught and wet to skin in two tremendous hail and rain storms, and to wind up a day of hard work through an interesting country and a marshy one got stuck in a wide snare, and did not get both parties through until 7.30 a.m., camped for night 8 p.m. had to foot it today as Boog took to the saddle with his saw and being unable to walk and lead on wagon being too heavy for either of us to ride, 12 miles today.

ON THE WRONG TRAIL

July: Sunday, did not start until 11 a.m. and after a hard pull through very marshy country camped for dinner 2 p.m. and about 4 p.m. met a freighter who informed us that we were 15 miles on wrong trail and in a straight line across country about 8 miles to the right trail. We started to cut a trail of our own across and after a very hard pull through creeks and swamps camped for night 8 p.m. At the time I wrote this an Indian and Mr. Beattie the shoe party have come in from hunting up a trail without success so I may say we are lost and will probably spend tomorrow looking for the trail to Edmonton. Saw thousands of ducks and some geese today, 15 miles today.

July 10: Up 5.15, left 7.30 and after a pull of two hours came to a stand still in front of a wood, took out the horses and sent an Indian to see if he could see anything of trail. Indian back again without any result except that we have a broad and deep creek to cross, started 4 p.m. and after travelling two miles struck trail and with one little cheer advanced once more on our journey. Camped for night 7.15, 10 miles today.

July 11: Up 5.30, left 7.15. Country much dryer and more hilly, got stuck in mud hole and broke two double trees in pulling out wagon. Camped for dinner 11.45, left 1.15 p.m. and after passing through some rather pretty country camped for night on edge of a large plain 5.15 p.m., 25 miles today.

July 12: Up 6.30 left 7.45 and after making about 12 miles on prairie camped for dinner 12.20 and after a fine drive across prairie which is getting prettier and a fine farming country camped 7.15 making about 35 miles today.

July 13: Up at 6.30 left 7.30, met the mail from Edmonton 9.30 and after a fine drive over splendid rolling prairie camped for dinner 11.30, left 1.30 and caught up to a survey party bound to Edmonton and who left two days before us, 4 p.m. camped for night on banks of Grizzly Bear Country. The country is the wildest piece of country I've seen yet, is about 200 yards broad with banks about 80 feet high, and a very serpentine and deep creek flowing through the valley. Have had splendid weather the last three or four days. Horses and men feeling splendidly.

July 14: Up 5 a.m., left 6 and after a splendid drive through wild and pretty country—hilly and well wooded camped for dinner 2.15, left 2 p.m. and camped for night 6.30 making about 27 miles. Boog while riding one of the horses through a creek got thrown over its head, much to our amusement and one of the men in Mr. Beattie's party took a tumble in the same place.

July 15: Up 5 a.m. and left 6 and after travelling through some more wild country full of little lakes, many of them very pretty and all full of ducks. Camped for dinner 10.30, left 2 p.m. and after travelling through same kind of country camped for night 8 a.m. making about 30 miles. Baked doughnuts for tea last night. One of the party saw a large brown bear drinking. July 16: Sunday, camped all day giving Mr. Beattie's horses a rest they being used up. Baked all day using the last of the flour. Both parties will be without provisions a week but we calculate on reaching Edmonton in three or four days. Our bacon will be finished tomorrow

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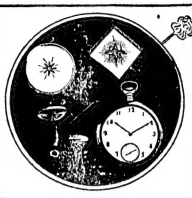
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AT THE VERMILION
July 17: Up 4.30 left 5.30, roads
fearful, left the hills and have been
travelling through low prairie all
morning, got stuck in two bad
sloughs, all the wagons being in at
once. While walking across I got in
to a hole and pitched forward on my
head, getting wet, much to the
amusement of all parties. Finished
the last of our apples today, must
live now for three or four days on
split pea and hard tack with tea to
wash it down. Camped for dinner
10.30 a.m. and left 1.30 p.m., reach-
ed Vermilion Creek 3.30, had to
take harness off horses and swim
them across as water was very deep.
They brought wagons as
far as possible and packed loads
across. Had wagons and loads
safely across 6 p.m. camped for
night on other side. 15 miles to day.
July 18: Up 4 a.m. left 5.30 and
after driving until 10 a.m. through
rather fine country camped for
dinner, left 12.0 the day being very
hot and the mosquitoes black flies
and bull dogs (or horse flies) being
very bad, gave horses a rest from 3 until
4, camped for night at 8 p.m., making
about 25 miles in all.

July 19: Up 3.45 left 5 a.m. and
after a fine drive across a pretty
plain camped for dinner 10 a.m. left
2.20 and at 3 p.m. got caught in a
tremendous hail storm, had hard
work to hold horses but reached a
wood and so gave them protection.
Storm lasted about half an hour,
reached Indian camp 3.30 and there
procured a guide for the rest of our
journey. 50 miles, camped for night
7.20 making 25 miles today.

July 20: Up 4 left 5.20 and after
passing through some well wooded
and fine farming country camped
for dinner 10 a.m., left 3.30 and
reached a creek about 4 p.m. broad
and 10 deep 4 p.m. Did not get
everything across until 7 when we
of course camped for the night. To
transfer everything from one shore
to another we first took harness off
horses and after two of us swam to
the other side we tied a rope to
horses' neck and had them swim
across. Then took loads of wagons
and took them across by boat, then
ran the wagons into the water, two
of us hanging on to the upper side
to keep them from upsetting, in this
manner we took over successfully
3 wagons, 11 horses, 1 buggy, 1
luggage; 12 miles today.

July 21: Up 3.30, left 5.30 and
after a drive through fine farm-
ing and well wooded country camped
11 a.m. for dinner, pulled
through some bad sloughs and in one
case had to cut a road through
wood to get around a very bad
slough. Left 2 p.m. and drove until
5.30 when Mr. Beattie's horses gave
out they stopped for night, but Fort
Saskatchewan being but a short
distance ahead and having nothing to
eat we determined upon reaching
it which we did at 7.30 and just got
tent up in time to escape a heavy
thunderstorm. Found that there
was not a store in the place so got
some hard tack from the Mounted
Police and on that made our supper
11 p.m. Fort Saskatchewan is a
M.P. Fort, situated on east bank
of the main branch of the river Sas-
katchewan on opposite side being
a large settlement beautifully
situated.

July 22: Up 4 a.m., got started
11 a.m. time being taken up by seeing
about the ferry, had the wagons
crossed by 2 p.m. and by 2 p.m.
had dinner at once, camped for
night 6 miles from landing—10
miles from Edmonton

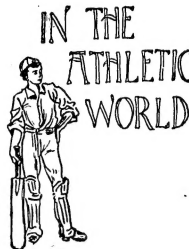
EDMONTON AT LAST
July 23, Sunday: Up 4, left 5.20
and reached Edmonton 8 a.m.
Edmonton is the prettiest place I've
seen in the N.W., being about 350
feet above the river, is comprised of
about 50 buildings, and a Hudson
Bay Fort, has a race course which
we camped upon.

And so ends an account of a jour-
ney of 7 weeks across the prairies,
men and horses arriving without ac-
cident and in the best of health.
On Monday we went to work
about 8 miles out of Edmonton, and
although our hours are very long
like the work very much. Hours
from 6 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1
until 6 p.m., and always having a
walk of two or three miles back to
camp, sometimes six. I have al-
ready had three out of five propo-
sitions to be had on the survey, not
excepting the cook's, as Mr. Simp-
son's cook left him and consequently
I have been filling in the cook's place
on \$40 a month. I have 16 men to
cook for, 11 Indians and 5 whites, so
you will see I must be quite a cook
to satisfy them all, especially when
an Indian eats twice as much as a
white man. We all intend taking up
land in a short time—300 acres
each.

The Alberta Hotel at Vegreville
was destroyed by fire on Sunday
night, along with J. Mohr's cloth-
ing store, where the blaze originated.
The fire engines were not in
working order and a bucket brigade
had to be organized. Walker's
lumber yard was saved with great
difficulty. The total loss will be
about \$50,000.

A team of horses ran over the
young son of J. V. Brechin in Did-
bury and inflicted such injuries
that death ensued soon after.

The by-law to purchase the elec-
tric light plant was defeated in
Oktos.



The Canadian Courier in its last
issue has an article which will
cause all those who have followed
Rugby football in the East during
the past fifteen years to lapse into a
pleasantly reminiscent mood. It is
from the pen of that well-known
sports writer, Mr. H. J. P. Goss, who
discusses on the game past and
present. Here is his reference to
that wonderful team which won the
Canadian Championship in 1892 for
Osgoode Hall:

"The initial honors of the newly
organized football dominion rested
with Osgoode Hall—a team of
giants who beat Montreal in the
snow at Rosedale by 45 to 5. The
"Limbs of the Law" were undoubt-
edly a grand aggregation and there
were many old followers of the game
who declare even to this day that no
better team ever stepped on a field,
but it is a way in and out of football
and in and out of politics that con-
servatives have of thinking the
methods and their side the best. But
the Senkler boys, E. C. and J. H.,
both of whom were ex-captains of
Varsity Parks, who could boot the
ball from one end of the field to the
other, and "Jim" Smellie were undoubt-
edly Trojans in the field. In passing
and tackling the team were ex-
ceptionally strong. It is related of
J. H. Senkler that in this game he
picked up a Montreal player and
threw him into a snow bank at one
side of the field."

With the opinion that is expressed
in the above, I am inclined to agree.
The Senkler boys and Smellie were
the greatest combination that has
ever been back of the scrimmage in
Canadian football. "Dirty little
Smellie" was what some people used
to about the quarter bases, but
either on the gridiron or on the ice
there never was a player whose
effectiveness appealed more to the
crowd. Mr. E. C. Senkler is now
gold commissioner of the Yukon and
J. H. Senkler, a prominent lawyer
of Vancouver. His weight is now,
I understand, somewhere between
250 and 300 pounds.

Mr. Good goes on to discuss the
wonderful work of Council, for
the United States and Gleason, for
Ottawa, and the punting duel be-
tween these two great half-backs in
the snow at Rosedale in the final
for the Canadian championship,
when Ottawa won by 12-8. It was
a sight to stir the blood at the
time and ever afterwards. I know
that, no matter how long it may be
my privilege to follow sporting
events, I never expect to see any-
thing like it.

Coming to later times Mr. Good
makes several references to Percy
Henderson, an Edmonton athlete who
is still playing the game, and who
was responsible in a large measure
for the success of Rugby in this
city during the past season.

The two Ottawa teams divided
the national honours in Rugby foot-
ball for seven years until 1903, but
they were hard pushed for it in 1901
by the Argonauts of Toronto, cham-
pions that year of the Ontario Rugby
Union. Ottawa College won the
Quebec championship and qualified
to meet the Argonauts, but before
this the Argos won twice from the
redoubtable Rough Riders, both at
home and abroad. The last game
was probably one of the most strenu-
ous ever played. Ottawa had never
been beaten on their own grounds
and it was deemed an impossibility
that they would be made to bite the
dust on this occasion. A win would
mean a tie for first place and a play
off on neutral grounds. Nothing
dismayed by defeat at Rosedale, the
Argonauts of Ottawa offered odds
of 100 to 65 and in several cases 2 to
1 on their chances. At that time
the Argonauts had Ardagh at full
back, Henderson, Darling and Har-
dies as backs and Britton as
quarter. "Joe" Wright, the grand
old man of the game, "Banty"
Russell, the little giant, and Phil
Boyd formed the scrum. Ottawa
as usual excelled in weight but
in no other particular. Unlike that
of the present declining months of
the year, the weather was inclement
and snow was on the ground. At
first Ottawa had the best of the fray
but in the second half the play was
all in Ottawa territory. It was a
hard fought match and the victors
long afterwards showed signs of
wear and tear. A week later the
Argos and Ottawa College met in
Montreal for the Dominion cham-
pionship and the result was a tie
12 to 12, but the Argosmen bitterly
complained that they had been un-
justly treated. Hardisty for the
Argos made a run which culminated
in a try and an apparent win of the
game, but the touch line judge
claimed that Hardisty in clearing
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CRIME AS A PROFESSION.

Some Remarkable Statements by a Veteran British Officer of Police.

In England recently a man of 74 was sent to penal servitude for seven years. This white-haired old man has already spent 45 years in prison. His name is John D. C. Crime. He pleaded for mercy on account of his extreme age, but mercy could not be granted him.

What can society do on the one hand to protect itself from professional criminals of this class, and on the other to help the criminals into more satisfactory ways of life?

Sir Robert Anderson replies to this question in his remarkable book *Criminals and Crime*, just published. The men who today come into close touch with crime, and who are alarmed by the increase of professional criminals, do not go so far as Sir James Stephen, who advocated a return to the death penalty for offences against property, if the offenders were irreclaimable; but they are none the less convinced that modern methods of punishment are unsatisfactory.

While crime in general is diminishing, "professional crime is on the increase," says Sir Robert Anderson, "and this is precisely the kind of crime which is the most serious danger to the community, and the severest tax upon police administration."

The true professional is an advanced disciple of Hobbes. He isn't embarrassed by either twinges of conscience or a sense of shame.

And for such a man a criminal career is a life of adventure, such as will compare favorably with most other kinds of sport.

"A friend of mine, the Minister of the West End chapel in London, tells how, in his visit to America, he preached in one of the larger jails, and after the service visited some of the prisoners in their cells. One case interested him most, a man of good education and address, and seemingly of abilities fitted to command success in the world.

PARABLE OF THE FOX HUNTER.

"My friend gave vent to his sincere distress at finding such a man in such a position, and was going on to 'improve the occasion,' when the prisoner cut in with the remark that he believed in England were fond of fox hunting. My friend, regarding it as a broad hint to change the subject, assented.

"And may I ask," said his companion, "when a man gets a fall does he give up hunting?" And on getting the only possible answer to such a question, he added, "I have had a bad fall, and no mistake, but I count on better luck another time."

"This case is thoroughly typical. The true professional is not a weak creature who yields to uncontrollable impulse. Living life of adventure, and having a soul above working for his living, he pursues a life of crime with a full appreciation of its risks.

"Change those risks to certainties, and you at once supply a motive adequate to influence his course. If every fox hunter ended by breaking his neck, fox hunting would be shunned, save by a few desperate men; and the same would be true of professional crime of this character if it always ended in disaster."

There are in this country a comparatively small band of known criminals who are we are told, responsible for almost all the more serious crimes against property. Such men live well. They can name their favorite wine and they know a good cigar. A trip to Brighton is an ordinary incident to their easy lives; and a winter visit to Monte Carlo is nothing out of the way. They are responsible for the elaborate frauds, the great forgeries, the jewel larcenies, and bank robberies which now and then startle the public."

CRIME IS ORGANIZED.

The professional criminal is, in fact, a man who takes good care of himself. He is no out-at-elbows petty thief. "He does not work on foggy nights," or during prolonged frosts.

"As a matter of fact, a fog causes no anxiety to the Criminal Investigation Department. Burglary, epidemic, like a fever epidemic flourishes in mild weather, and a drop of twenty degrees Fahrenheit will check it."

"And the reason is plain; professional crime is organized crime, and all organizing involves time; and professional men, burglars included, do not start a fire at night when the thermometer is getting down to zero."

Professional criminals take themselves seriously. Burglars are usually committed by men who are burglars in the sense in which other men are doctors, lawyers, architects.

The only difference, indeed, is that in the burglar's trade success gives proof of greater efficiency than seems necessary in other lines.

"And now for the moral of my story. I want to break down the popular idea that serious crimes against property are like many serious crimes of violence, the result of accidental circumstances or sudden passion. Such crimes are deliberately planned and executed by expert criminals.

"When it comes to such special feats as safe breaking, for example, the men competent for the task are so few that some police officers could possibly write down the names of them all from memory. When a crime of a certain sort occurs a Sherlock Holmes inquiry is as unnecessary as it would be 'futile.' The practical problem is to discover what members of certain definitely known gangs of thieves were engaged in it.

"The men competent to plan and execute it are limited in numbers and definitely known. Some of these, however, are in seclusion at present, 'doing time' for several offences in the past. They will be back at work in a year or two; but for the present we may ignore them.

"Then again, A, B, and C are known to be out of London in the course of their business, and D, E, and F are proved to have been at their registered addresses on the night of the crime. The list thus becomes reduced to working dimensions, and it is not difficult to go on eliminating one name after another till the thief is discovered."

When Sir Robert Anderson took charge of the criminal investigation department and any important crime of a certain kind occurred, he set himself to investigate it a la Sherlock Holmes.

"His subordinate used to listen to his theories in the way that so many people listen to sermons in church, and when I was done he would stolidly announce that the crime was the work of A, B, C, or D, naming some of his stock horses, though a keen and shrewd police officer; the man was unimaginative, and I thus accounted for the fact that his list was always brief, and that the same names came up repeatedly. It was 'Old Car' or 'Wirth,' or 'Sausage,' or 'Shrimps,' or 'Quiet Joe,' or 'Red Rob'—one name or another being put forward according to the kind of crime I was investigating.

"It was easy to test my prosaic subordinate's statements by methods with which I was familiar in secret service work; and I soon found that he was generally right. Great crimes are the work of great criminals, and great criminals are very few."

Among the many stories related to prove that professional criminals take up crime because they like it, not through a craving for money, but just through a love of sport. Sir Robert recalls the case of Raymond, a criminal whose schemes were Napoleonic.

This man having read about the vast wealth of the Kimberley mines determined to visit them and divert some of the wealth into his own hands. He investigated the problem on the spot.

"Dick Turpin would have recruited a body of bushrangers and seized one of the convoys. But the methods of the sportsmanlike criminals of our day are very different.

HOW RAYMOND STOLE £30,000.

"The arrival of the diamonds at the coast was timed to catch the mail steamer for England; and if a convoy were accidentally delayed on route the treasure had to lie in the post office till the next mail left. Raymond's plan of campaign was soon settled.

"He was a man who could make his way in any company, and he had no difficulty in obtaining the impressions of the postmaster's keys. The postmaster, indeed, was one of a group of admiring friends whom he entertained at dinner the evening before he sailed for England.

"Some months later he returned to South Africa under a clever disguise and an assumed name, and made his way up country to a place at which the diamond convoys had to cross a river ferry on their way to the coast.

"Unsuspecting the chain of the ferry he let the boat drift down stream, and the next convoy missed the mail steamer, ninety thousand pounds worth of diamonds had to be deposited in the post office.

"The post office, room of the post office, and the diamonds ultimately reached England, in Raymond's possession. He afterwards boasted that he led them to their lawful owners in Hatton's Garden."

"Raymond loved his work for his own sake; and though he lived in luxury and style, he kept it to the last, organizing and financing many an important crime."

This is how criminals like Raymond often manage to escape the law.

"A friend of mine who has a large medical practice in one of the London suburbs told me once of an extraordinary patient of his. The man was a Dives and lived sumptuously, but he was extremely hypochondriacal.

"Every now and then an urgent summons would bring the doctor to the house, to find the patient in bed though with nothing whatever the matter with him. But the man always insisted on having a prescription, which was promptly sent to the chemist."

"My friend's last summons had been exceptionally urgent; and on

his entering the room with unusual abruptness the man sprang up in bed and covered him with a revolver.

"I might have relieved his curiosity by explaining that this eccentric patient was a prince among criminals. Raymond knew that his movements were matter of interest to the police; and if he had reason to fear that he had been seen in dangerous company, he bolted home, and 'shammed sick.' And the doctor's evidence, confirmed by the chemist's books, would prove that he was ill in bed till after the hour at which the police suppose they had seen him miles away."

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It consists of reproductions from what has appeared in the Mirror department of this paper during the past two years and gives an excellent picture of Western Canadian life from a woman's standpoint, while many of those who have been constant readers of the Saturday News, it is believed, will appreciate having some of more notable of the contributions to this department in permanent form.

Nothing has been spared to make the booklet typographically perfect. Numerous half-tones, showing western scenes, illustrate the text.

The volume is
On sale at the Saturday News Office, Howard Avenue, directly behind the Bank of Montreal, and at all Book Stores, the price being Twenty-Five Cents. On that amount being forwarded to the office of publication, the booklet will be sent, post paid, to any address that is furnished. So that it may reach its destination in plenty of time for Christmas, and to avoid disappointment as a result of the exhaustion of the edition, orders should be sent in without delay.

EDMONTON MARKETS

On the local markets the receipts are very light. Oats are selling on market square at 25 to 40c per bushel.

Elevator prices.

No. 1 Northern wheat, 85c bus; No. 2, Nor. wheat, 82c per bushel; No. 3, Nor. wheat, 80c per bushel; lower grades, 70c to 60c per bushel; No. 1 White Oats, 30c per bushel; No. 2 white oats, 25c per bushel; No. 3, white oats, 23c per bushel; Feed barley, 35c per bus; malting barley, 45c per bushel; No. 1 N.W. Flax, \$1.00 per bushel.

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Potatoes, 40c to 45c per bushel.

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Ducks—14c, dressed.

Geese—12c to 14c per lb., dressed

WINNIPEG.

December, 12.

The past week in the wheat market has been characterized by dullness and indifference, lived up at times by spurts of activity which, however, did not hold for more than a few hours. Dullness and inaction usually mean lower prices but the changes in values from a week ago show a decline of only 3-4 to 1 1/2c.

A quiet time has naturally come down on the markets at the end of the active and strenuous time of the last three months. The general wheat situation over the world, however, continues to be one of strength and after a short period of rest we anticipate a renewal of demand which will advance prices materially. In our Winnipeg market trade has become dull, navigation closed at Port William and Port Arthur on the 10th inst, and for ten days previous to that the trade was very busy and nearly five million bushels of wheat were shipped out in that time. Owing to the very favorable weather all over the west the railways continue to move forward the grain in large quantities which means it looks as if the crop had been much larger than it is. In the meantime the effect is misleading and the large movement helps to depress the market later on. However, the movement will not be so much the less and a contrary effect be produced. Today's Winnipeg prices are: 1. Nor. 100 1-4; 2 Nor. 97 1-4; 3 Nor. 90 1-4; No. 4 wheat, 82; No. 5, 69; No. 6, 54; feed wheat, 45; feed No. 2, 34. Futures closed, Dec. 100 1-4; Jan. 101 1-4; 2, 99; July, 110 1-4; oats are dull and 2 to 3c lower, but will advance again; 2 white, 43c; 3 white, 40c; rejected, 30 1-4; barley, No. 3, 43c; No. 4, 41c; rejected and feed, barley, 36; flax one north western, 102.

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The new Anglican Church at Gladys, near High River, was dedicated by Bishop Pinkham on Nov. 29.

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In the Athletic Field.

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had run into touch and the afore-mentioned tie was the result. In the play-off a week later Ottawa won by 18 to 3, but it was a battered up team that the deer-hunters were represented by.

Later Mr. Good makes this additional reference: "Hardisty, the crack half back, saved two games for the Argonauts by overhauling Powers of Ottawa, after a long chase, when the latter had 20 yards start and a clear field. As a sprinter-punter Hardisty had no equal in his day."

Tommy Burns' comparatively easy victory over Gunner Moir, the champion pugilist of England, takes the wind out of the sails of those who have been disparaging the Canadian. There is no doubt that the young fellow who first came to the fore in the athletic competitions of the little town of Preston, Ontario, and whose experience as a star began as an inside home player several of the lacrosse teams in Western Ontario, is the best fighter now before the public. Some discussion has arisen locally regarding Moir's name, upon which the following letter, written by "Senex" to the Vancouver World, throws light:

"The contention," he says, "that 'Gunner' Moir has not been a gunner in the ring is certainly incorrect. The writer saw that memorable fight in Sydney (Australia) between the 'Gunner' and Peter Felix, the Australian nigger heavy-weight champion, when at the end of the fourth round, both men were almost counted out. 'Gunner' scrambling to his feet just in time to hear Felix count, and thereby winning the fight. At that time Moir was a gunner on the S.S. Eryaulus, the flagship of the Australian squadron."

Lord Hawke, one of the most famous English cricket captains, has the following comment on the spirit of the spectators at cricket in England and baseball in the United States. "When a batsman," he says, "knocks out a long fly in our cricket matches, and the fielder runs after it, misjudges it and eventually fumbles it, our British crowd elaps, 'Well tried, well tried' they cry. When a fielder muffed a ball in a baseball game in the United States his lordship was shocked to hear the rosters shout 'Kill him! Kill him! He sold a game! He's a lemon.'"

Can anyone deny the truth of this? Under which of these conditions is sport to be admired? Which nation does Canada intend to follow? The tendency has been towards imitating our neighbors up to the present. How can we change it? The only way is to encourage the games that are played in the Motherland and for the public to insist that the ideas that prevail there be applied to the games that are typical of this continent.

The Wetaskiwin Post says: "That grand old sportsman of Wetaskiwin, 'Old Man' Caruthers, of curling fame, celebrated his 75th birthday last week, and a little dinner party was resultant. Wetaskiwin hopes that the whole city will be able to celebrate Mr. Caruthers' 75th birthday, for indeed that self same Scotchman is an old timer of the best kind, and his name and the name of Wetaskiwin are practically synonymous."

At the inaugural meeting of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association held at Red Deer, Nov. 29th, 1907, and at which representatives of the following places were present: Edmonton, Wetaskiwin, Lacombe, Olds, Didsbury, Crossfield, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, and Calgary, officers for the ensuing season of 1907-08 were elected: Hon. President, Lieutenant Governor Bulver; Hon. vice president, M. S. McCarth, M.P. of Calgary; President, R. N. Brown, Red Deer; first vice president, H. V. Richards, Strathcona; second vice president, R. H. Macdonald, Calgary; secretary, C. F. Bristow, Edmonton; treasurer, N. R. Caruthers, Lacombe; executive committee, President, A. J. Crockett, secretary, treas-

ure, J. K. Brand, Crossfield, J. Taylor, Stettler, W. D. Borseht, Didsbury.

A resolution contained in the minutes of said meeting reads as follows: "That the secretary be instructed to correspond with all clubs not represented at this meeting, please inform them of the advantages of this association and inviting them to become members of it. And that all clubs so sending representatives to the next executive meeting are to have the same voting powers as if already constituted members of the said executive."

Dec. 14th, the next general meeting will be held at Red Deer at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of drafting a constitution, formation of districts and drawing up of schedules.

While I have expressed my doubts as to whether such an amateur league can compete with the professional clubs, no good sportsman can fail to wish it success. In the past two winters the formation of a provincial league has been steadily advocated in this column. It is deserving of the warmest support and every town and city, big and small, should be represented in it.

Alberta Farmer.

The Central Alberta Stock Growers' Association held a convention in Innisfail on Tuesday, the 10th inst. If the past efforts of this vigorous organization at convention work are a criterion to judge by, we bespeak for those who attend, an interesting and enjoyable time.

The secretary of the A.F.A. was to have delivered an address, but important local matters which had been assigned to him came up at the last moment and prevented his attending. However, he had his address type written and mailed to Mr. E. J. Fream, the secretary of the Innisfail branch of the association with the request that he read it.

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD.

The truth of this ancient saying several farmers, who have been providing feed to certain contractors at the Clover Bar bridge, have learned to their cost. A number of farmers of the Clover Bar settlement held a grain and oats in the hope of getting better prices which they believed would prevail as a result of the construction work to be done on the G.T.P. in that vicinity. The work was carried on by buyers for feed and good prices were agreed upon; hay and oats were delivered but the next link in the chain has not yet been worked, and the farmers are bewailing their losses in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$200. In some instances the farmers are deserving of small sympathy since any intelligent man should know that there is something wrong with the financial standing of men who contract to pay 50 cents per bushel for oats that are worth but 35c on the market, but while the farmers have displayed a certain amount of gullibility in the matter, the methods of the contractors will bear looking into.

An arrangement was made with a firm of sub-contractors to secure and feed teams for hauling sand and gravel for the project; one dollar and twenty-five cents per day was charged for feeding teams and four dollars and fifty cents per week for boarding teams. These amounts were deducted from each teamster's pay, and placed to the credit of the sub-contractors; but it appears that there was no arrangement made to see that the farmers who provided the feed for which so liberal an allowance was made to the sub-contractors, received their compensation. Here was an opportunity for playing a dishonest game, and it was played. As there is still a great deal of work to be done on this bridge and much feed will be required, we deem it our duty to set forth the above facts and caution farmers against parting with their property to buyers from the bridge force without the cash or at least the guarantee of some responsible party that the bill will be paid.

W. F. Stevens, Sec. A.F.A.

SEED OATS AGAIN.

The necessity of care in the selection of seed oats is already becoming apparent. A few days ago we observed a sign in a show window in Edmonton which read: "Seed Oats for Sale." We examined the sample and found 10 per cent of wild oats among them as well as mustard and other weed seeds. This sort of thing cannot be carried on long in Edmonton for Archie Mitchell's eagle eye is sure to light on them and when it does something will happen to the dealer who offers them for sale. But there are many work being distributed to which it is impossible for him to go, and in which this can be carried on with impunity. Farmers cannot begin inquiring too soon for their seed grain but they should not buy until they are satisfied that what they are purchasing is what it is represented to be.

We are receiving inquiries for seed barley two and six rowed. If parties having such for sale will write to the secretary of the A.F.A. he will put them in direct communication with intending purchasers. Persons desiring to get headless barley will be put in communication with parties having a limited quantity to sell.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

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minor roles were all in good hands. Special mention is due Miss Pauline Allen, in the role of Polly Fletcher. On Wednesday and Thursday nights, the old favorite "The Private Secretary" provided unlimited mirth, with Mr. Panning, the head of the organization, in the title role. "Sappho" will be given on Friday evening, while in another part of the paper next week's programme appears.

The Company is an all round good one, the best that has appeared in Edmonton since Mrs. Fiske's visit, and no one who likes a good play should fail to see it.

"ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME."

Win. Gillette's sparkling comedy of the above name, which will be put on at the Edmonton Opera House, Dec. 10th and 11th, under the auspices of the Edmonton Senior Wanderers' Hockey Club, ought to be well worth seeing. The eighteen local Thespians under the tutelage of Irving Beers (who produced the piece in all the leading cities of the west) with phenomenal success are going to try and make it one of the theatrical events of the season. In Calgary where Irving Beers put it on last winter, its success was so great that after playing to capacity for three consecutive nights, they are putting it on again the last of this month in response to a general wish of the public. "All the Comforts of Home" is one scream of laughter from start to finish and is one of the greatest that Mr. Gillette has ever written.

Miss Helene Scott, the talented young Canadian actress, who for the past few years has supported Mr. Harold Nelson in Shakespearean repertoire, and who visited Edmonton two weeks ago, has signed a contract with Irving Beers to star under his management for the next two seasons in Sir Charles Wyndham's world-renowned comedy "The Tramp of Tears." Miss Scott will be supported by Mr. Frank Oliver, a well-known English actor, late of the famous Ben Greet Com-

pany. The tour will begin at Winnipeg about Jan. the 15th.

The third classical concert to be given in the Separate school theatre on Tuesday next is being eagerly looked forward to by those who attended the previous numbers of the series. As will be seen from the programme, published elsewhere in this issue, an evening of excellent music is assured. Mrs. Gagner and Mr. Kelly are both well-known to the Edmonton musical public, while Mr. Darnton has in the short period of his residence in this city showed himself a sound musician.

"THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH." Mr. C. D. Walker, owner and manager of Winnipeg's new \$300,000 theatre, the Walker, has completed arrangements for a tour across Western Canada of "The Bonnie Brier Bush," one of the greatest plays in the history of the drama.

The tour began at Ft. William, Wednesday, December 10th and will close at Nelson, B.C., about January 10th. After one night in Kenora, a week will be devoted to Winnipeg, where this famous drama has previously been given for four long engagements. Edmonton will be among the eighteen cities at which a night engagement will be played, the dates being December 27th and 28th.

The company which will present "The Bonnie Brier Bush" on this tour numbers thirty people, and is composed of players of prominence, among whom are J. Palmer Collins, Walter Scott Weeks, Ward E. Rescher, Robert Ireland, late of the Major of the 18th Highlanders of Toronto, Casey, the Bennett children and many others of note. The entire New York baggage can be being required for the transportation.

Of "The Bonnie Brier Bush" the Port Arthur News of Dec. 5, says that the company, which had played the evening before to a capacity house, provided the finest dramatic entertainment ever seen in that city.

The new marble altar at St. Joachim's church was blessed by Bishop Legal on Sunday morning last. It has been brought direct from France at a cost of \$2400. Rev. Father Leode preached the sermon.

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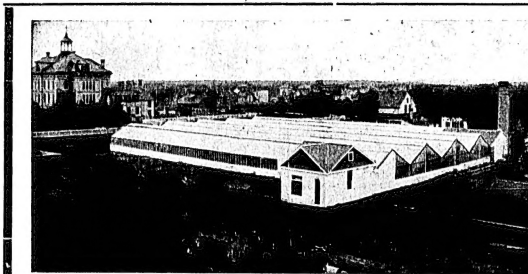


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Those desiring a delineation of their character from their handwriting should write a letter at least one hundred words in length and sign a name of phone toll. Lined paper should in no case be used. An effort should be made to discuss some subject of interest. The coupon attached below should be clipped and the letter addressed to "Penny," care of the Saturday News.

Correspondence Coupon

"Chimpanzee" writes to complain that I am very chary in my praise of musical and dramatic performances in Edmonton. Little Chim, what would you like? Another journalistic enthusiast who raves indiscriminately of the perfections of "The Merchant of Venice," as recently presented, and a genuinely rattling good local concert. Such praise, monkey mine, isn't worth the paper it's written on. Are you so uncivilly biased that you would have me insincere, misleading the public until all words of mine would be at once discredited. Seriously I couldn't afford it, however kindly I may be disposed to all barn-stormers in general. Dramatic and musical criticism to be of any value must first be honest, and I have as much right to endeavor to lure people to a poor performance as you would have to obtain money under any false pretense. It isn't a case where any personal feeling or sympathy as any right to intrude, the very word "criticism" implies, or should imply, calm, dispassionate judgment. Be fair, then, my little Chimpanzee, and give The Saturday News credit where it is due—in endeavoring to be, not the knocker, you would paint it, but the guardian of the public's interests.

"Absent Minded Youth," who forgot to sign a name to his interesting communication regarding blankets and mixed evening dress—what should you wear to the tea?—the blanket for preference which would give me the opportunity of describing you as wearing a "striking" and even "stunning" costume. As to a character—why of course you have one—a deal too much of a one at times I don't doubt. Seriously it's a remarkably clever, brainy, hand; brilliant, to a certain degree, logical, impatient of people but persevering, alternately prodigal and careful; quick to seize a point and size up both people and situation. Obstinate, a bit selfish, quick-tempered, impulsive, sensitive, proud, tenacious, probably fond of the luxuries and refinements of life. Apt to be cutting in speech and not too merciful when aroused. Nervous, highly strung, strong will and magnetism, a certain fascination, fanatical, more apt to worry over the little things than those of more account. Moody at times, and doubtless given to a hand that might and it would do anything, but strangely weak in some particular. I think the root of it all is the grasping what it wants to the exclusion of how the doing so will affect the other fellow.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I stander-by!

That the hearts of an unusually wide circle of friends were saddened and shocked when the news of Mrs. Mercer's death reached Edmonton on Monday, goes without saying. Everything, the holiday season, her own high hopes that everything would be all right the operation once over, the terrible loss to her family and the suddenness of it all, make it an indescribably sad and solemn occurrence. There is nothing to be said that can mitigate the blow one atom and all that loving and sorrowful hearts can do is to offer the most heartfelt sympathy to the so sorely bereaved husband and children.

The announcement of Mrs. Mercer's death effectively cast a damper on all the social distractions of the earlier part of the week.

Mrs. Brower Campbell who was to have entertained a bridge on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. McMurrich, cancelled the entertainment, as did also the regular Bridge Club, of which Mrs. Mercer was a member, while a great many small events that were being planned were at once relinquished.

Word has been received in the city that Mr. Jaffray, the former accountant in the Imperial Bank in Edmonton, has been appointed manager of the bank in Revelstoke.

Mrs. Dobell entertained at the tea hour on Friday.

Mrs. McMurrich left on Friday morning for her home in Toronto.

A large and fashionable audience attended the All Saints' secular concert on Tuesday evening and listened to a splendid programme of part songs and solos. Quite candidly, the amateur concert is not always the treat it is intended to be, but that of Tuesday proved one of those delightful exceptions it is one's good fortune to meet with from time to time. The chorus was beautifully balanced and sang with much expression and evidence of careful training, while the solos were delightfully rendered. Mr. Barford in his piano solo number received nothing short of an ovation, and indeed I never heard him do himself so proud. From start to finish the programme was a credit to him as a conductor and to those who so ably assisted him.

Mr. Blomfield who has been such a popular official in the Dominion Bank for a year past, and who is probably one of the best all round sports in Canada was notified early in the week to report for duty in Winnipeg on Wednesday.

Mrs. Turnbull entertained at a young people's dance on Friday evening.

Each night during the past week larger and more representative audiences have assembled to hear the Fanning Howard Co. in a varied repertoire of plays, and each night people have gone away better satisfied to tell others what a good thing they were missing by not attending. It is no idle praise to say that the company are the finest aggregation of actors seen here, bar Mrs. Fiske's Co., of course, in two years. The scenery and stage setting are really surprisingly good, and taken on any score the company can afford to hold up their heads with the best the West is likely to furnish us for a very long time to come. It is a foregone conclusion that their Edmonton engagement will be a profitable one for every standpoint. Both actors and management deserve your loyal support.

On Tuesday evening the third of the series of classical concerts will take place in the Separate School auditorium on Third street when it is to be earnestly hoped a large audience will be present to encourage this very laudable enterprise. I believe that Mr. Darimont plays three or four violin solos, and those who have heard him on former occasions speak most appreciatively of the great talent he gives evidence of.

Mrs. Bulyea will receive as usual next Thursday afternoon at Government House.

On Wednesday afternoon a large number of callers found their way to the Misses Porter's apartment house on 7th street where Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Bredin are on pension and the bride of this genial member held her reception in her pretty cosy sitting room. Many friends of her husband and a host of people anxious to meet her herself, called and had a pleasant fifteen minutes, over a delicious cup of tea, surely the open sesame to all friendship and sociability.

"Mr. Bob," the play to be put on by Beaver House Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, will be presented on Jan. 20 and 21.

Toronto Saturday Night says: "The engagement is announced of Miss Florence Mabee, of Hampton, N.B., daughter of the late Capt. J. Gillis Mabee, and Charles H. Smith, of the Northern Bank, Edmonton, Alta., formerly of the Bank of Commerce, Toronto, and son of the late George H. Smith, barrister. The marriage will take place in Calgary, December 19." During his short residence in the city Mr. Smith has made many warm friends, who will wish him the greatest happiness.

The Lethbridge Herald says: "Major Belcher and family left for Edmonton this week, where they will in future reside. No more popular family has resided in Lethbridge, and their departure is the occasion for much regret. Major Belcher is one of the best known officers of the Mounted Police. He enlisted 1874 and has been in the service ever since. He served in the Yukon, took part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and was second in command of the Strathcona Horse in South Africa. He was given the C.M.G. for distinguished service in that war. These welcome newcomers to our midst have been at the King Edward for a week or so past, and have moved to 1135 McKay Avenue.

The Fort Saskatchewan Reporter says: "Mr. S. A. Dickson and his sister Miss Rae, left on Monday night last for Hamilton, Ontario,

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Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Engel have returned from a lengthy visit to the Old Country.

Mrs. Harry J. Sullivan will not receive until after the New Year.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Guy Marriott, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Strathcona, to Miss Hunt, of Vancouver, a nurse in training at the Strathcona Hospital.

Bishop Legal will bless the new bell at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday.

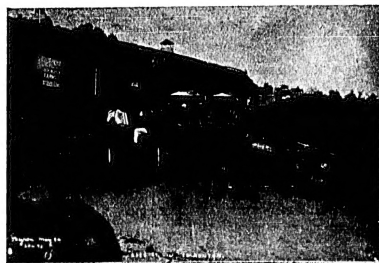
Rev. Dr. W. J. Sparling of Winnipeg preached educational sermons at Grace and McDougall churches last Sunday. Rev. Dean Puget of Calgary preached at All Saints' in the evening.

John Galvin, district vice president of the United Mine Workers, has been in Edmonton during the week, endeavoring to secure the signing of the contracts between the operators and miners.

A. Gordon Reid, lately with Nicholson and Bain, has been appointed Edmonton agent for Armour and Company, of Chicago.

The president of the Strathcona Radial Railway Co., Mr. Walter, is busy securing ties for the line up the river.

Peggy



UP THE HILL TO EDMONTON

One of the views illustrating "A Woman in the West" now on sale at the Saturday News office and at the bookstores. The booklet has met with a most favorable reception. All who have seen it are unanimous in declaring that from a literary and typographical standpoint, it is a credit to Edmonton and Alberta, as a Christmas reminder to friends at a distance, nothing could better serve the purpose. It is being sold at twenty-five cents, a copy. As the edition is becoming rapidly exhausted, no one desiring to secure the booklet should delay in doing so.

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| 2. Aria in D. (S. Bach).....Strings | 2. Celebrated Minuet.....Strings (Boccherini) | 3. a. Ich Grolle Nicht (R. Schumann) b. The Asra (Rubenstein).....Songs | 4. Fairy Tales (R. Schumann).....Violin Solo |
| 3. Daffodils (Ed. German)..... | 3. Concerto XII Larghetto.....Strings (Handel) | 5. Concert (op. 64) Andante.....Violin Solo (Mendelssohn) | 6. March Op. 45 (Beethoven).....Orchestra |
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